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Long Beach Man Charged with Soliciting Teen Girl for Sex

A Long Beach man has been charged with attempting to meet someone he believed was a 16-year-old girl for sex, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Todd A. Lewitt (dob 3/4/67), a former police officer with the Hermosa Beach Police Department, was charged yesterday with one felony count of meeting a minor for lewd purposes in case BA470447.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On July 26, Lewitt allegedly made contact on a dating website with a supposed 16-year-old girl who was really an undercover deputy with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Human Trafficking Bureau.

The defendant allegedly arranged to meet the girl in order to have sexual intercourse, according to Deputy District Attorney Angela Brunson of the Cyber Crime Division, who is prosecuting the case. Lewitt was arrested when he arrived at the agreed-upon meeting location in East Los Angeles.

Lewitt faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in state prison if convicted as charged.

The prosecutor is recommending bail be set at \$75,000.

The case remains under investigation by LASD's Human Trafficking Bureau.

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